



A Message From Our President Wes Speake

Dear Members,

May is National Preservation Month! Both May and June will be very busy with some really great events, both old and new. Preservation Month will begin with our Vintage Home Tour Kick-Off Gala on Friday, May 10th at 7:00 PM under the lights at beautiful Heritage Park for live music, wine tasting, appetizers, desserts, raffle prizes, and great conversation with friends.

The next day will be our 2019 Vintage Home Tour featuring five amazing properties built between 1890 -1929. The esteemed American Legion Hall for Post 216 was built in 1929.

The 36th Anniversary of the founding of the Corona Historic Preservation Society follows on May 14, when 35 concerned and interested citizens met on that date in 1983 at the Corona Public Library to form this new preservation group. Attendees of that meeting became Charter Members of CHPS.

June starts off with Heritage Park and Museum’s annual Antiques and Collectibles Faire on June 1st. CHPS will again offer our historic lemonade from freshly squeezed Corona Lemons, squeezed by yours truly.

In March, CHPS participated in two events; first, Corona Unified School District’s Festival of the Arts, where works of district students were displayed and we gave away over 15 gallons of lemonade. Second, the Riverside County History Symposium was held in Lake Elsinore at the Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center, which was originally built as a Methodist Church in 1923-24. I was able to attend and represent CHPS. The building also hosts Lake Elsinore City Council and commission meetings. The building still features beautiful stained glass windows originally installed in 1924. Topics included *Capturing the Desert Wind* – by Paul Clark about the history of wind energy in the



Coachella Valley from the 1940s experiments to the boom time 1980s and 90s. *Cabot Yerxa - Adventurer* – by Judy Giganti who spoke about Cabot Yerxa’s adventures. He traveled the world including Europe, Cuba, and South America. He was a businessman, artist, and human rights activist with a special focus on the legal, economic, and cultural crisis facing Native

American tribes. In 1913 at the age of 30, Cabot began his homesteading journey with 160 acres in Desert Hot Springs and became part of the landscape until his death in 1965. Bob Kent spoke about *The Hot Springs Resorts of Lake Elsinore* – a fascinating look at the geology that made the Hot Springs possible and the truly multicultural resort that hosted people from all races all in Lake Elsinore from the early 1900s to the 1950s, and finally Don Williamson of the Corona History Association spoke about *The Corona Road Races of 1913, 1914 and 1916*.

We hope to see all of you for our Vintage Home Tour Kick-off Gala on May 10th and the Vintage Home Tour on May 11th.

In order to provide freshly squeezed lemons for our free lemonade offered at the CHPS Lemonade Stand, we are in need of fresh Corona lemons. We typically utilize 10-15 gallons of fresh lemon juice for this event.

If you have a lemon tree or lemons you wish to donate, please contact me at CHPSInfo@yahoo.com or message me through the CHPS Facebook Group and I’ll come and pick them.



Sincerely,

Wes



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Corona Historic Preservation Society
Presents

Vintage Home Tour



1839 S. Main Street



1024 S. Main St. American Legion Hall - Post 216



818 Howard Street



1215 E. Grand Boulevard



1208 Palm Avenue

Saturday, May 11, 2019 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- Pre-sale VHT tickets \$20, \$25 day of event available ONLY at 1052 East Grand Boulevard
- **Combined ticket pricing for Gala and Vintage Home Tour is \$45 per individual**
- Pre-sale tickets available online. Go To www.eventbrite.com and do a search for "Corona Vintage Home Tour"
- Hard copies of tickets (with map) ordered online must be picked up at Will-Call at 1052 E. Grand Blvd. on day of the event after 12:30 pm and before beginning self-guided tour
- For information call 951.371.5291 or email: VintageHomeTour@aol.com

Vintage Home Tour Kick-off Gala

Friday, May 10, 2019 at 7 p.m. • Tickets \$30

CORONA HERITAGE PARK • 510 W. FOOTHILL PARKWAY

Join us Friday, the night before the Vintage Home Tour, under the lights of Corona's beautiful Heritage Park for an amazing evening of fabulous music by Dave Seltzer, wine tasting, appetizers, and desserts, as we kick off the 2019 Vintage Home Tour. Tickets are available at Heritage Park, Allegra (addresses below) or online at www.eventbrite.com (second bullet above). Email: chpsinfo@yahoo.com for Gala information.



Pre-sale tickets available after March 13th at:

- Corona Heritage Park, 510 W. Foothill Parkway
- Allegra, 127 Radio Road

Second Quarterly Meeting - Meet Us at the Museum



La Sierra University's Natural History Museum

Saturday, June 15

Noon - 2:00 P.M. No entrance fee

A pangolin

An entire "California's Gold" episode (by PBS TV host Huell Howser) was devoted to this museum, which is the best kept secret in western Riverside County! Yes, and it is located just beyond the eastern boundary of Corona. Howser named the episode "Dragon Museum" due to the six-foot Komodo Dragon visitors may view up close just inside the entrance.

A descriptive quote from the University's website: "**The World Museum of Natural History**, located in Cossentine Hall, contains outstanding systematic exhibits of amphibians, birds, mammals, and reptiles. Specimens are displayed in a lifelike manner, prepared by sculpture and freeze-dry taxidermy. The museum also is home to one of the world's largest and finest collections of mineral spheres. Gems and minerals, fluorescent minerals, meteorites and tetites, petrified wood, shells, American Indian artifacts, and contemplative stones round out the exhibits."

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

The museum is located in **Cossentine Hall** on the north side of the campus. Exit the eastbound 91 freeway at the Pierce/Riverwalk exit, turn left and drive north on Riverwalk to the **Main Entrance at 4500 Riverwalk**. Turn left.

Stop at the security kiosk where you will be given a map that will guide you to the building and Parking Lot F, directly behind Cossentine Hall.



Cossentine Hall

The Society Reaches Another Milestone Anniversary

On May 14th, the Corona Historic Preservation Society turns 36! Reflecting on the more than three decades of accomplishments, the Society has provided a variety of activities, events and educational programs, including lectures on historical topics, panel discussions, production of the video "Corona's 100 years" during Corona's centennial year, a self-guided walking tour of the exteriors of several historic homes, 13 Vintage Home Tours where guests could walk through more than forty of Corona's finest examples of its historic homes. An annual Cemetery Walk was held from 1995 to 2006, where actors provided autobiographical narratives on notable Coronans buried in the local cemetery, published the booklet "Corona-Citrus, Races and More," awarded Savings Bonds or monetary gifts to CNUSD students who had completed meritorious History Day projects involving local history, contributed dictionaries to Lincoln School third graders, in conjunction with the Corona Kiwanis Dictionary Project, and other assistance to the Corona-Norco Unified School District in providing updated and interesting curriculum for the teaching of Corona's history at the appropriate grade level.

To further promote preservation awareness, the Society has placed 25 historic markers throughout the city to recognize historically significant "sites to be remembered" as a part of its Historic Site Marker Program. Heritage Home Awards have been presented to owners of exemplary historic homes more than 75 years old or more than 50 years old with architecturally significant elements. Assistance has been provided in the relocating of vintage homes to other sites when development threatened them with the wrecking ball. In 1998, the Victoria Hotel, originally built in 1903 as the Hotel Del Rey, located at 224 East Sixth Street was dismantled, placed in storage containers and moved to Corona Heritage Park, for future reassembly and adaptive reuse. In addition, CHPS was instrumental in placing the Woman's Improvement Club Clubhouse (1988), Corona's Second High School and Historic Civic Center (2005), the historic streetscape of the Grand Boulevard (as an Historic District in 2011) and historic Thomas Jefferson Elementary School (2017) on the prestig-



ious National Register of Historic Places. In 1990, a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places was submitted for the Corona Theater/Landmark Building, but the listing was declined by the owners at that time. It remains eligible for national listing. In 2005, the Society took an active role in preventing the renaming of the historic Prado Dam.

Within the political arena, the Society has worked with the City to update the Heritage Inventory List as well as a Corona Register of Historic Resources or "Landmark List", establish Historic Districts, identified them with Historic District signs, in areas around Grand Boulevard and Main Street, and helped in the development of an Historic Element to the Municipal Code. More recently, the Society has provided the city with signs on adjacent lamp-posts identifying, for residents and visitors, Corona's 10 Historic Districts listed on the Corona Register of Historic Resources and Heritage Properties. The Society has also proposed historic route signs for the old historic routes of State Highways 18 and 71 and for US 91, but this project remains incomplete at this time. We are currently working on restoring the Veterans Memorial Wall, placed in the 1960s at Butterfield Park.

From Nov 1998 - Nov 2002 CHPS co-sponsored with the City of Corona, neighborhood clean-up events through the "Corona Beautiful: Celebrating Our Neighborhoods" program. The Society also assisted with the "Corona Beautiful 2.0: Polishing the Crown" beautification events in 2017, to improve Corona's historic core as well as provide community service opportunities to youth and adult volunteers who thought it was worthwhile and meaningful to clean up downtown alleys, streets, trees, yards, parkways and neighborhoods.



Over the 36 years since our founding, this timeless logo has come to be associated with historic and preservation activities too numerous to catalog.

CNUSD Art Festival at Heritage Park By Eric Bergreen

On Saturday, March 16th the CNUSD Art Festival was held at the beautiful and historic Heritage Park and Museum. The sun was shining, the weather was warm, and the people were friendly. Basically, the perfect day to hold this event. From the many wonderful local Coronans to the folks who showed up from out of town, each and everyone made this day special.



The Corona Historic Preservation Society was in attendance and President Wes Speake and I set up our lemonade stand to hand out free cups of Corona grown lemonade to any and all thirsty festival goers. In all, we were able to serve over fifteen gallons of our wonderful drink. We also had tickets for sale to our upcoming Vintage Home Tour scheduled for May 11th and the Tour Kick-off Gala that will be held the night before on May 10th.

The festival ran from 10am – 4pm with a steady flow of visitors all day long. There were arts and crafts tables for both children and adults. Chalk drawing competitions. Works of art for sale. Painted stand-ins for self-portraits. Food trucks and personal art displays. And the Corona Model Train Club had its doors open to show off their scaled down version of the rail lines that ran from the Inland Empire to Los Angeles. Each drew just as many visitors as the last.

In all, the day was perfect and represented another great event for our wonderful city. Families enjoying the outdoors. Folks making new friends. People coming together and everyone sharing what they could with one another. Thanks to all who came to shop, came to create or just came to hang out with great artists and craftsmen. And a special thanks to those who stopped by for a delicious cup of Corona lemonade.



Antiques & Collectibles Faire on June First



LOOK FOR US FOR FREE LEMONADE !

Don't forget the 18th Corona Antiques & Collectibles Faire
Saturday, June 1 from 8 AM to 3 PM
at

**Corona Heritage Park & Museum
510 West Foothill Parkway**

For Information call
Shellie Norland (951) 302-0080
www.coronaheritage.org

**As Always - Free Parking
and Admission**

Antiques, Model Railroad, Fine Art Gallery and Eats

Membership Information

**When joining or renewing your membership, please make your
tax deductible check payable to "CHPS"**

Individual Member \$30.00
 Family \$40.00
 Student \$15.00
 Business \$100.00
 Patron \$125.00
 Life \$600.00

I'd like to volunteer:

Hospitality refreshments
 Newsletter writing articles
 Vintage Home Tour docent / volunteer
 Board of Directors

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Gift from _____

Membership Status: Renewal New

Please complete and mail to:

**CHPS
 P.O. Box 2904
 Corona, CA 92878**



We Welcome Our New & Continuing Members

Jim & Patti Anderson
 Richard & Carol Appel
 John & Cathy Cleghorn
 Mike & Mary Coe
 John & Catherine Downs
 Mike & Julie Downs
 Ed & Linda Faxon
 Tammie Schilling-Garland

David & Sharon Hall
 Jean Neumann
 Nathan & Roberta Reed
 Sue Simmons
 Ted & Cindy Taylor
 Steven & Peggy Temple

Home Preservation Grant Program

The CHPS Grant Committee along with the Board of Directors of the Corona Historic Preservation Society would love to assist local homeowners in making exterior improvements to their historic homes.

We will process any application within 60 days after submittal. Once a grant has been approved and reimbursement limits established, funds will be made available upon completion, inspection and onsite final approval.

Take this opportunity to do some fixing up and have part of the material cost covered by CHPS. Remember we are interested in helping people beautify their homes for others to see, so applications are primarily for curb appeal projects. If you have a place that you feel needs help, either



your own or a neighbor's, please contact CHPS Home Preservation Grant Program Coordinator Rich Winn at rwinn141@gmail.com or call 714.328.0010. We will assist you in any way possible to provide the information you need to complete the application process.

Grant applications are available at the Community Development Department at Corona City Hall at 400 South Vicentia, and at the Heritage Room of the Corona Public Library.

More information and grant applications may also be downloaded from our website:
[<http://corona-history.org/grants.html>](http://corona-history.org/grants.html)

Please share this information with others!



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To contact us call
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Please leave a message



Our Mission Statement

The Corona Historic Preservation Society (CHPS) is an active nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the PRESERVATION, PROTECTION and PERPETUATION of Corona's historic sites, buildings, neighborhoods and resources. We do this through education, community events, preservation projects and tireless advocacy for the benefit of present and future generations.

Monthly Meetings

CHPS Board meetings are held each month to transact Society business, discuss issues affecting the Society and preservation of local historic resources.

All members are invited to attend.

The next meetings will be:

Thursday, May 16, 6:30 at CHPS office

Thursday, June 20, 6:30 at CHPS office



www.Corona-History.org



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 Corona, California 92878-2904

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